Standing Committee's views:

The resolution is not clear, as it speaks of post-1947 records while the explainatory note concerns about pre-1947 period. From the note it appears that the matter relates to the acquisition of microfilm from abroad to fill in the gaps in the record holdings of the State Archives. The National Archives of India already has such a programme on continuing basis and have recently concluded an agreement with the India Office Library and Records for the exchange of microfilms, State Archives can consult the National Archives of India about their requirements of microfilms from abroad and the latter would try to render every assistance in this respect.

(R) Inclusion of representatives of State Archives Universities and Research Institutions in Delegations

(18) Resolution by Shri F.M.Hassnain

"Resolved that henceforth, representatives from State Archives, Universities and Research Institutions of the country be included as members in cultural delegations."

Explanatory Note

Perusal of the list of cultural delegations which went out of the country, deputed by Ministry of Education Culture and Social Welfare, from 1947 reveals that these cultural delegations did not include representatives from the State Archives, State Universities and State Research Institutions. In order to give comprehensive image of our composite culture, it is necessary to include representatives of the State Archives, State Universities and State Research Institutions in these delegations..

Standing Committee's views:

Generally speaking while making the selections for the delegates, the Government of India takes into consideration the talent and capabilities of the persons rather than their provincial affiliations. In any case, this subject hardly falls within the purview of the Indian Historical Record Commission, as defined in Section 5 II of its constitution.

(S) Creation of an All India Cadre of Archives Services'

(9) Resolution by Shri F.M.Hassnain

"Resolved that the Central Government may create an All India cadre of Archives Services, in consultation with the State Government and till then all appointments in the National Archives of India be made out of the State Archivists."

Explanatory Note

In the country, we have Indian Administrative Service, Indian Forest Service, Indian Police Service, Indian Audit and Accounts Service etc. but no such cadre on all India basis for Archives. Secondly the National Archives of India usually fills up its vacancies by fresh recruits rather than obtaining the services of experienced archivists from State.

Standing Committee's views

The Resolution aims at improving archival work in the country and is laudable to that extent. But as regards appointments in the National Archives of India, these have to be made according to the Recruitment Rules in force. As per rules, 50% of the Assistant Archivists (Gr.I)/